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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation and Lord of our lives, grant us Your peace in the pressures of this day. May Your peace keep us calm when tension mounts, and serene when the strain causes stress. Remind us that You are in control and there is enough time today to do what You want us to accomplish.

Fill this Senate Chamber with Your presence. May we hear Your whisper in our souls, "Be not afraid; I am with you." Bless the women and men of this Senate with a special measure of Your strength for the demanding schedule ahead for today. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from Texas, is recognized.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader I announce this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m.; following morning business, the leader hopes the Senate will be able to consider Amtrak reform under a short time agreement. In addition, the Senate is close to an agreement on the D.C. appropriations bill. Therefore, Members should be prepared to consider that legislation today.

Also, the leader hopes that the Senate will be able to consider the FDA reform conference report during today's

session. Unfortunately, it is looking like the Senate will need to be in session this weekend to complete work on the pending appropriations bills. Members will be notified as to the possible weekend schedule and necessary votes.

Also, the Senate may consider any additional legislative or executive items that can be cleared for action. Therefore, Members can anticipate rollcall votes throughout today's session of the Senate and possibly into the evening.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call.

Mr. THOMAS. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HUTCHISON). Without objection, it is so ordered.

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JOHN WARNER, *Chairman*.

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